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Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/657,268
A Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/801,939
Title: MOLTEN METAL POURING CONTROL SYSTEM AND
METHOD
Inventor: WIKLUND, Peter

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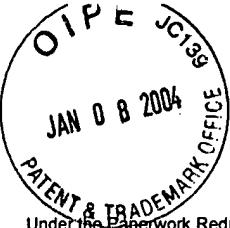
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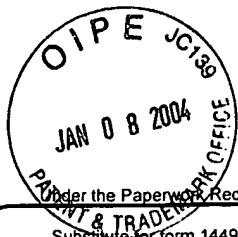
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